

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

RAY M. HARRISON,)	
<i>Individually and on behalf of others</i>)	Case No. 09-12684
<i>similarly situated</i>)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Hon. John Corbett O'Meara
v.)	
)	
FIRST INDEPENDENCE BANK,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER

This matter coming before the Court on the joint request of the parties for preliminary approval of a Class Action Settlement Agreement and Release, and based upon the papers submitted to the Court and all of the proceedings had in this matter to date, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Solely for purposes of settlement, the following Settlement Class is certified pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3): All persons who, from July 9, 2008 to July 8, 2009, were charged a transaction fee for making withdrawal(s) from a personal (not business) account using the following automated teller machines operated by First Independence Bank:

93361104	Greektown Branch - 400 Monroe - Detroit, MI 48226
9336Y002	Fishbones - 23722 Jefferson - St Clair Shrs, MI 48826
9336Y003	Holiday Inn Express - 1020 Washington - Detroit, MI 48226
9336Y007	Pegasus - 558 Monroe - Detroit, MI 48226
9336Y008	Stroh's - 300 Joseph Campau - Hamtramck, MI 48207
9336Y010	U of D Dental School - 2700 MLK Jr Blvd - Detroit, MI 48208
9336Y011	Marquette Building - 243 W Congress - Detroit, MI 48226
9336Y015	U of D Law School - 651 E Jefferson - Detroit, MI 48207
93362202	Int'l Bldg 400 Monroe - 1St Floor Greektown - Detroit, MI 48226
93362206	Atheneum - 1000 Brush Ave - Detroit, MI 48226
93369001	Detroit Northwest Precinct - 11450 Warwick - Detroit, MI 48228
93362408	Motor City - 2901 Grand River Ave - Detroit, MI 48201
93362409	Motor City - 2901 Grand River Ave - Detroit, MI 48201
93362411	Motor City - 2901 Grand River Ave - Detroit, MI 48201

93362412	Motor City - 2901 Grand River Ave - Detroit, MI 48201
93362413	Motor City - 2901 Grand River Ave - Detroit, MI 48201
93362414	Motor City - 2901 Grand River Ave - Detroit, MI 48201

2. Based on the parties' stipulations, and for settlement purposes only: (a) the class defined is sufficiently numerous such that joinder is impracticable; (b) common questions of law and fact predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class Members, and include whether or not the absence of an externally posted fee notice at the ATMs machine identified above violated the requirements of the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1693 et seq.; (c) the claim of Plaintiff Ray M. Harrison is typical of the Class Members' claims; (d) Plaintiff Ray M. Harrison is an appropriate and adequate representative for the Class and his attorney, Geoffrey Bestor, is hereby appointed as Class Counsel; and (e) a class action is the superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims of the Class Members.

3. The Court finds that the proposed settlement is within the range of fairness and reasonableness and grants preliminary approval to it. In the event that the proposed settlement is not finally approved for any reason, Defendant shall, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, retain its right to contest certification of the Class and assert any other defenses that it may wish to raise, whether procedural or on the merits.

4. The Court approved the proposed forms of notice to the Class, and directs that notice be implemented in accordance with paragraph 2.5 of the Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel will file an affidavit with the Court, at least 5 business days prior to the Fairness Hearing, attesting that notice has been so given.

5. The Court finds that the notice proposed in paragraph 2.5 of the Settlement Agreement is the only notice to the Class Members that is required and further finds that such notice satisfies the requirements of due process and Fed. R. Civ. P. 23.

6. Class Members shall have forty five (45) days after today's date to send in a claim form, opt out or object to the proposed Settlement Agreement.

7. Any Class Member who wants to receive a monetary portion of the Settlement Fund shall file a Claim Form, which will be available for download at www.ATMclasssettlement.com or by

contacting the Settlement Administrator or Class Counsel. To be timely, a Claim Form must be submitted on-line, or mailed to the Settlement Administrator and postmarked, within 45 days after today's date.

8. Any Class Member who desires to exclude himself or herself from the Class shall not be bound by the Settlement and shall not be entitled to any of its benefits. To be timely, a request for exclusion must be sent to the Settlement Administrator and postmarked within 45 days of today's date. To be effective, the request for exclusion must make clear that exclusion is sought by stating: "I WANT TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS IN RAY M. HARRISON V. FIRST INDEPENDENCE BANK." The request for exclusion must also contain the excluded Class Member's name, address and signature.

9. Any Class Member who objects to the Settlement contemplated by the Agreement shall have a right to appear and be heard at the Fairness Hearing provided that such Class Member files with the Court and delivers to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel a written notice of objection together with a statement of reasons for objection, postmarked no later than 14 days before the Fairness Hearing. Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel may, but need not, respond to the objections, if any, by means of a memorandum of law no later than 5 days prior to the Fairness Hearing.

10. A Fairness Hearing on the fairness and reasonableness of the Settlement Agreement will be held before this Court on August 18, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

SO ORDERED.

Date: June 9, 2011

s/John Corbett O'Meara
United States District Judge

I hereby certify that a copy of this order was served upon counsel of record on this date, June 9, 2011 using the ECF system.

s/William Barkholz
Case Manager